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U.S. PTO**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.
S.5229 US - OP/MM**To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Christophe BERTEZ, Jean HAMY and Olivier MATILE
 corresponding to French application 0000231, filed January
 10, 2000,
 entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LASER CUTTING OF STAIN-
 LESS STEEL, COATED STEEL, ALUMINUM OR ALUMINUM ALLOYS WITH A
 BIFOCAL OPTICAL COMPONENT

Enclosed are:

X	6 pages of specification.
X	2 sheets of formal drawings.
	a newly-executed declaration of the inventor.
	a copy of an executed declaration of the inventor from prior application Serial No. , filed .
	incorporation by reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accom- panying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
	an assignment of the invention to , including assignment cover sheet.
X	Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.
X	copies of the Information Disclosure Statement citations.
X	preliminary amendment.
X	return receipt postcard (MPEP 503), specifically itemized.
	applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.
X	a certified copy of the French Priority Document.
X	other: Application Data Sheet. This application is filed without a declaration in order to preserve Convention priority.

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